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SUBJECT: GOP MINISTER PIRZADA RECEIVES ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME
IN KARACHI

REF: KARACHI 0573

1. DAY FOLLOWING BHUTTO' S DEPARTURE FOR QUETTA (REFTEL)
GOP MINISTER OF LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS ABDUL
HAFEEZ PIRZADA RECEIVED NOTABLY ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION
ON HIS ARRIVAL IN KARACHI APRIL 16. MINISTER ARRIVED
ON RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY WHICH THIRD AND LAST HOLIDAY FREEING
APPRECIABLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION CELEBRATIONS. DESPITE NUMBER OF
CONFLICTING RELIGIOUS PROCESSIONS AND GATHERINGS,
IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF WELL WISHERS RECEIVED PIRZADA
AT RAILWAY STATION AND THEN TOOK HIM IN NOISY, ENTHUSIASTIC
MOTOR CAVALCADE TO STATE GUEST HOUSE. LOCAL PPP OFFICIALS
PARTIIPATED IN, AND MANAGED AFFAIR WHICH, WHILE NOT TO BE
COMPARED WITH BHUTTO' S ARRIVAL RECEPTION TWO DAYS EARLIER,
WAS STILL IMPRESSIVE SHOWING.

2. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO " HOMETOWN BOY MAKES GOOD"
ASPECT OF PIRZADA' S RECEPTION, HE OBVIOUSLY BENEFICIARY
OF MEDIA AND PRESIDENTIAL ATTENTION HE RECEIVED IN
CONNECTION WITH HIS ROLE IN ELEVENTH HOUR NEGOTIATIONS
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WHICH LED TO ENDING OF OPPOSITION' S BOYCOTT AND ACCEPTANCE
OF CONSTITUTION. PIRZADA MAY WELL GARNER ADDITIONAL
LAURELS AND PUBLIC ATTENTION DURING CURRENT FIVE- DAY
STAY IN KARACHI.
DECONTROL ON RECEIPT.
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